



Boston City Council
Committee on Public Safety
Stephen J. Murphy, Chair

October 20, 2010

Dear Councillors:

The Boston City Council's Committee on Public Safety to which was referred, on April 28, 2010 – August 4, 2010 – August 25, 2010 – September 15, 2010 and September 29, 2010 [respectively]:

Docket # 0592 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$400,000.00 from the Federal Government under the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 for Assurance Planning for the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management.*

Docket # 1076 - *Message and order authorizing the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management to accept & expend a grant of \$11,651,680.00 from DHS, UASI Grant FY 2009 to address the unique, planning, training, exercise, equipment and operational needs of large urban areas.*

Docket #1078 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,400,000.00 from various Government Agencies, including FEMA, as reimbursement for expenses incurred due to storms & flooding in March & April 2010.*

Docket # 1079 - *Message and order authorizing the City to accept & expend a grant of \$1,378,249.00 from DHS for the purpose of catastrophic planning within the designated region, including the Boston Urban Area, Providence Urban Area, Commonwealth of Mass, State of New Hampshire and Rhode Island.*

Docket # 1081 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Academy to establish in accordance with General Law Ch.44, Sec. 53E1/2 a revolving fund to accept from the fund up to max of \$200,000.00 for purpose of purchasing training equipment, certifying instructors, updating facilities and providing funds for other training needs not otherwise budgeted for.*

Docket # 1145 - *Message and order authorizing the Fire Department to accept & expend a Port Security Program Grant of \$1,180,257.00 from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts – Executive Office of Public Safety & Security for construction of CBRNE Watercraft.*

Docket # 1146 - *Message and order authorizing the Public Health Commission to accept & expend a grant of \$750,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs FY 2009 Discretionary Grant Programs, for the purpose of violence intervention & prevention in the City.*

Docket # 1147 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend \$300,000.00 of the FY 2010 ICAC Program award, from the Office of Juvenile Justice & Delinquency Prevention, to identify child victims of commercial sexual exploitation, provide services and support for them & investigate & prosecute cases against adults who exploit children and youth.*

Docket # 1224 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$ 904,932.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the FY 09 Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grant funds for supporting crime prevention & law enforcement.*

Docket # 1225 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept & expend a grant of \$307,967.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice for the FY 2010 Forensic DNA Backlog Reduction Program.*

Docket # 1226 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend the FY 2010 (VAWA) STOP grant of \$43,560.00 from the Executive Office of Public Safety & Security to support the BPD's Civilian Domestic Violence Advocate.*

Docket # 1351 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$749,828.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Second Chance Act Prisoner Re-entry Initiative for the purpose of funding the Boston Re-entry Partnership Initiative.*

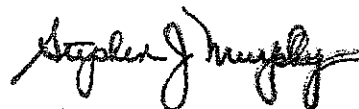
Docket # 1352 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$175,000.00 from the FY 2010 from the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance funded under the FY 2010 Justice and Mental Health Collaboration Program.*

Docket # 1353 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expand a grant of \$172,574.00 from the FY 2010 Paul Coverdell National Forensic Sciences Improvement Act Formula funded by the National Institute of Justice.*

Docket # 1354 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$80,000.00 from the Paul Coverdell Forensic Sciences Improvement Grants Program funded by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs passed through from the Massachusetts State Police.*

Docket # 1355 - *Message and order authorizing the Police Commissioner to accept and expend a grant of \$75,000.00 from the U.S. Department of Justice, for the purpose of supporting law enforcement response to human trafficking.*

having considered the same, I respectfully recommend that these matters ought to pass.



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PROJECT ABSTRACT.

The Boston Public Health Commission's *Violence Intervention and Prevention (VIP)* initiative addresses violence in four sub-neighborhoods in Boston that have the highest levels of gang activity and youth violence. VIP is a data-driven collaborative approach relying on coordination and collaboration of city partners, community based organizations and the Boston Police Department. Over the next two years, we will add one additional neighborhood and increase resident participation in the current Violence Intervention and Prevention neighborhoods by 50%.

Key program goals and objectives are: strengthening resident and community engagement through the development of neighborhood coalitions; increasing skills and capacity coalition leaders, block captains and residents; increasing youth access to employment, summer and after-school opportunities; and reducing physical disorder (such as abandoned cars and broken streetlights) that contributes to crime. The target population consists of the low-income youth in the four neighborhoods affected by youth violence and delinquency.

Progress toward achieving goals and objectives will be measured by the numbers of adults and youth engaged in community coalitions and connected to after-school programs and employment, by the implementation and results of trainings for key staff and volunteers, and by the degree to which community coalitions are working with city agencies to identify and address physical disorder in the neighborhoods.